



**Town Shellfish Crier**  
**April 17, 2018**

**1. Dredging Update**

Town Administrator Dan Hoort reports that everything we needed to happen in Washington, D.C. in order for us to have the harbor dredged this fall is now happening. The FY 19 Omnibus Appropriations bill has been agreed upon by congressional leaders, and the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) now will have its funds and can create a work plan. Senators Warren and Markey and Congressman Keating have sent letters to the ACOE requesting that the corps prioritize Wellfleet Harbor's dredging. It's hard to predict what will happen, but we will save our letter writing campaign for when we need to get state funds.

**2. Low Tide Beach Parking Passes Available for Recreational Shellfish Permit Holders**

The Wellfleet Beach Department allows recreational shellfishing permit holders who do not get a town beach sticker to obtain a complimentary Indian Neck parking pass that is valid from two hours before low tide to two hours after low tide from the third Saturday in June through Labor Day. To obtain one, please bring your 2018 shellfish permit to the Beach Dept. office at the pier starting June 16, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you would like one prior to that, contact Suzanne Grout Thomas at [Suzanne.thomas@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto:Suzanne.thomas@wellfleet-ma.gov) or 508-349-0324, and she will make arrangements with you.

**3. Chipman's Cove Closing**

Chipman's Cove closes to all shellfishing a half hour after sunset on April 30, 2018. Indian Neck and South Wellfleet areas will continue to be open seven days a week until May 31. Starting June 1 through Sept. 30, only the Indian Neck area is open to recreational shellfishing, and it is open on Sundays and Wednesdays only. One 10-quart basket of shellfish may be taken each week. Sunday begins the new week. Remember to bring ice and a cooler for your oysters this summer.

**4. Reminder: Permits are Valid for Calendar Year**

Shellfishing permits are valid for the year they are issued in. They are not like beach stickers that are valid until the following season. No matter when in the year you buy one, it is valid until December 31. You may purchase permits at the Principal Clerk's office on the second floor of Town Hall, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact Nancy at [nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto:nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov) or 508-349-0325 with any questions, comments or ideas for future Town Criers. Thank you!

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